

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Kirk J. DeNiro on March 30, 2009. The application has been amended as follows:

Please cancel claims 15-181.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-14 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: claim 1 recites, inter alia, "a second element comprising at least one of a transmitter and a receiver; wherein when the first element is coupled to the test circuit and the second element is coupled to the first element, at least one of the first and second elements is capable of testing another one of the first and second elements using the test circuit; and the first element comprises a transmitter when the second element comprises a receiver and the first element comprises a receiver when the second element comprises a transmitter."

The art of record does not disclose the above limitations, nor would it be obvious to modify the art of record so as to include the above limitations.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Trung Nguyen** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-1966**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30AM – 5:00PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Ha Nguyen** can be reached at (571) 272-1678.

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